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FROM: AMBASSADOR BUNKER, SAIGON 984

TO: THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS

1. WHEN I TALKED WITH THIEU APRIL 10 I DREW HIS ATTENTION TO TROUBLESOME PRESS REPORTS OF ARVN CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS, INCLUDING SOME WHICH SPOKE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ARVN IN THESE OPERATIONS. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THEIR SOURCES OF THESE REPORTS WERE VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS, OR INFORMED SOURCES OR MILITARY SOURCES. I SAID REPORTS SEEM TO BE COMING FROM VIETNAMESE SOURCES.

2. I SAID I HAD TALKED WITH GENERAL ABRAMS AND BERGER HAD TALKED WITH GENERAL ROSSON, AND NO AMERICANS HAD TAKEN PART IN ANY OPERATIONS, AND WE WERE HOLDING TO THE LINE THAT OUR RULES OF ENGAGEMENT HAVE NOT CHANGED.

3. THIEU SAID HE HAD ISSUED STRICT INSTRUCTIONS THAT ANY CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS WOULD BE HELD TO THE LOW LEVELS THAT THEY HAD STARTED OUT WITH AND THAT THEY WOULD BE CONDUCTED ONLY UPON REQUEST FROM THE CAMBODIAN ARMED FORCES. WHEN HIS OWN PEOPLE WERE QUERIED BY THE PRESS THEY WOULD SPEAK ONLY OF PROTECTIVE REACTIONS.

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